Now, there are two matters before us. One is the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, 1994 and the other is the Indian Penal Code (Amendment) Bill, 1994. We also have a statement. I was discussing the Bill with the Minister and I also talked to Mr. Satish Agarwal and Mr. Biplab Dasgupta. There is no controversy in it. It is only an extension... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): This Bill was introduced in the Rajya Sabha and it was then referred to the Department related Standing Committee. They have given their views. It is only a one-clause Bill.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I would be happy if it could be passed by voice vote without any discussion.

THE INDIAN PENAL CODE (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1994

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): Madam, I beg to move:

"That the Bill further to amend the Indian Penal Code, be taken into consideration."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We shall now take up clause-by-clause consideration of the Bill.

Clause 2 was added to the Bill.

CLAUSE 1 (SHORT TITLE)

SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Madam, I beg to move:

"2. That at page 1, line 3, for the figure "1994" the figure "1995" be *substituted*."

The motion was adopted.

Clause 1, as amended, was added to the Bill

ENACTING FORMULA

SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Madam, I beg to move:

"1. That at page 1, line 1, for the world "Forty-fifth" the word "Forty-sixth" be *substituted*.

The motion was adopted.

The Enacting Formula, as amended, was added to the Bill.

The Title was added to the Bill.

SHRI P. M. SAYEED: Madam, I beg to move:

"That the Bill be passed."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you for passing the Bill. Who said that the Rajya Sabha Members are not co-operative? Who can make such wild allegations?

Now, we have got a statement to be made by the Minister, Dr. C. Silvera. Mr. Minister, do you want to lay it on the Table of the House or do you want to read it? At the fag end of the day, we have a Bill also before us. If the Members so agree, the Minister can lay the statement on the Table of the House. Having said that, I do not withdraw the right of the Members to seek clarifications. It is a very long statement. You can all go through it and if you have some queries in your mind, you can always seek clarifications.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA (West Bengal): Madam, can we fix a time for seeking clarifications on this?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I am not fixing any time because we have agreed to take up the Patents Bill

tomorrow. That is why I thought we could release Mr. P. M. Sayeed from confinement in our House. Now, he is released. We have only Mr. Sangma's Bill with us.

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal): What about the release of Dr. Silvera?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We can release Dr. Silvera also from the House if he lays the statement on the Table of the House and you can withhold your right to seek clarifications.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: We are all agreeable to this.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Minister, you may lay the statement on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT by Minister

SITUATION ARISING OUT OF STRIKE BY THE RESIDENT DOCTORS IN THE A.I.I.M.S. NEW DELHI

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): Madam, I beg to lay on the Table of the House a statement on the situation arising out of the strike by the Resident Doctors of the All India Institute of Medical Sniences, New Delhi

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, on the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill, there are four names only... (*Interruptions*) Yes, Mr. Virumbi, your name is also there. Mr. Virumbi always speaks. So, we have the names of five Members to speak on this. Now, no time was allotted for this because it did not come before the Business Advisory Committee. So, it is entirely up to the Members to decide. Now, if you want to discuss it today, we can do so. Otherwise, we can discuss it tomorrow in the evening after we finish the listed business in the morning.

SHRI JIBON ROY (West Bengal): Madam, I have a submission on the Workmen's Compensation (Amendment) Bill. This Bill was brought forward in pursuance of the Law Commission's recommendations and was introduced in this House in June, 1994. After that, the Bill was referred to the Standing Committee. The Standing Committee made a number of recommendations. I would like to know from the Labour Minister whether he want us to discuss the Bill in the form in which it was introduced in June or whether he wishes to accept some of the recommendations of the Standing Committee and accordingly amend the Bill before we take it up for discussion in the House.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sangma, is it the same Bill which you had introduced in June, 1994 before it was referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee or a new Bill incorporating the recommendations of the Standing Parliamentary Committee?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): What we are discussing is the same original Bill that I had introduced in June, 1994. If I come up with a new Bill, it will again have to be referred to the Parliamentary Standing Committee.

SOME HON. MEMBERS: No.... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SATISH AGARWAL (Rajasthan): No, it is not necessary... (*Interruptions*)..

THE DEPUTP CHAIRMAN: Please don't get agitated. Mr. Sangma is one of the competent Ministers. Let him make his statement.

DR. BIPLAB DASGUPTA: Madam, what do you mean by it?

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI (Uttar Pradesh): Madam, are there different levels of competence